

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 13, 17, 18, 24 and 26 are original.

Claims 3-12, 14-16, 19-23 and 25 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to clarify claim language.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

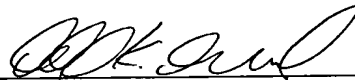
Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-26 will be active.

A clean version of the amended Abstract is given on page 8.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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